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TO: Secretary of State

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THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY EXCHANGE IN HOUSE COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON  
RE CUBA:

PRIMIN Diefenbaker: NOT MUCH TO ADD STATEMENT MADE LAST  
NIGHT. GOVT WELCOMES US DECISION TO TAKE ISSUE TO SECURITY  
COUNCIL TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON. US WILL CALL FOR END TO ACTION  
USSR HAS TAKEN TO THREATEN SECURITY HEMISPHERE. USSR WILL  
PROBABLY VETO RESOLUTION AND THEN ISSUE PROBABLY WILL GO  
TO UNGA. RE 8-NATION ON-SITE INSPECTION CUBA I WAS NOT  
CASTING ANY DOUBTS ON STATEMENTS PRESIDENT. GOC BELIEVES  
AMPLE EVIDENCE THERE ARE OFFENSIVE WEAPONS IN CUBA THAT  
THREATEN HEMISPHERE INCLUDING OFFENSIVE BALLISTIC MISSILE  
BASES. EIGHT-NATION GROUP WOULD HELP UN MEET ITS  
RESPONSIBILITIES.

LIBERAL LEADER PEARSON: HAS GOVT BEEN ASKED FOR ITS  
COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN PLANS FOR QUARANTINE CUBA?

PRIMIN: THERE HAS BEEN NO US REQUEST RE CANADIAN ASSISTANCE  
ON QUARANTINE OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS.

NEW DEMOCRAT BREWIN: ANY NOTICE OF OFFICIAL USSR ACTION?

FONMIN GREEN: NO.

NEW DEMOCRATIC HOUSE LEADER HERRIDGE: WAS GOVT INFORMED  
PRIOR KENNEDY'S SPEECH?

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LIBERAL DEFENSE SPOKESMAN HELLYER: HAVE CANADIAN UNITS IN NORAD AND NAVAL UNITS NORTH ATLANTIC BEEN ALERTED?

DEFENSE MINISTER HARKNESS: NO, BUT NATURALLY WE ARE REVIEWING SITUATION.

LIBERAL MARTIN: IS FONMIN GREEN INTENDING GO TO UN AND WHAT ABOUT CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN CUBA?

FONMIN GREEN: WILL GO IF CAN HELP. NO CHANGE DECIDED ON IN CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN CUBA.

LIBERAL BYRNE: WILL GOVT DISAVOW STATEMENT CBC COMMENTATOR LAST NIGHT THAT KENNEDY ACTION DUE TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS?

SPEAKER LAMBERT: OUT OF ORDER.

SOCRED PATTERSON: HAS MINISTER LABOUR RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON CUBA FROM ANY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS?

LABOUR MINISTER STARR: HAVE NOT SEEN ANY.

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